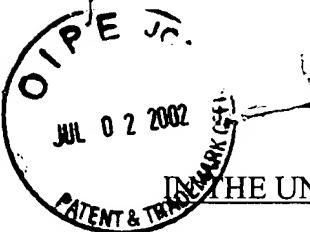


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the two U.S. patent applications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are also enclosed.

Both of the cited applications, U.S. appln. nos. 09/318,268 and 09/318,269, were identified in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 12, 2002, together with a Request for Continued Examination, although copies of those references were not provided. This paper has been filed, in the interests of full disclosure, to submit copies of those two applications.

The Examiner is urged to consider not just the copies of the applications submitted herewith, but also the complete prosecution histories for those cases.

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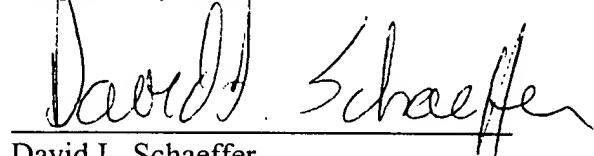
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and so is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee, as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application remains in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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